

GENERAL HOLDRIDGE MINUTE MEN

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The Executive Committee of General Holdridge Minute Men hereby endorses the candidacy of Herbert C. Holdridge, Brigadier General, U.S. Army (Retired) for the office of President of the United States as presented in the following announcement.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF CANDIDACY - GENERAL MOBILIZATION!

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of President of the United States on an Independent, non-Partisan platform.

My purpose will be to restore Constitutional government to the United States - government by law, not by outlaw - to clear away the wreckage of an obsolete economy of competition for scarcities which which has been instrumental in bringing our country to the verge of disaster, and to replace it with a new economic design of cooperation for abundance under our Constitution "to promote the general welfare", which will assure a "life more abundant" for our people.

The means I advance to accomplish these purposes is to obtain the support of citizens within both the Republican and Democratic Parties (and any others); to clean out political corruption within both parties which has been responsible for the creation of our present national crisis; and through restoring honest, loyal, competent, intelligent leaders to office within both parties, to have my name presented before their conventions to assure nomination and election in the 1960 campaigns. If, in the meantime, our economy should collapse, with resulting chaos, as it shows every evidence of doing, our organization will be prepared to intervene for the maintenance of law and order to help guide our country through the crisis.

I see no alternative to this program short of civil war!

Our country is in a state of dire peril, which will manifest itself more and more clearly in the coming months. Though the mass of the people may be unwilling to face the realities of the crisis, we dare not wait for disaster to strike, but must prepare for national and personal survival now.

Our international policy founded on hatreds and violences, which has cost us the friendship of the peoples of the world, has collapsed. Since the Korean War we have been engaged in a global retreat to positions of weakness within our borders where we can be reached by the missiles of the USSR. As a final suicidal gesture, our political leaders have shifted to a single foreign policy founded on an H-bomb (or germ) war, which will destroy the Planet Earth.

Our foreign policy is a reflection of our sterile internal policy which attempts to maintain, in our modern society of automation and mass production, an obsolete economic system, a relic of the days of feudalism, for the private profit of international financial monopolists who dominate our economy and government, generally referred to as "Wall Street" or "Big Money". They are closely affiliated with another international political organization, an international "Mafia" of the Vatican, now surrendered to the control of the Jesuits with the Pope a prisoner in the Vatican. The purpose of the Jesuits is to maintain the same discredited, broken-down economic system of usury for its advantage in order to gain the financial means of promoting their dream of restoring the political monopoly of the "un"Holy Roman Empire. Both are enemies of our free institutions. Both attempt to substitute the falsifications of economic propaganda for economic truth. In their refusal to face economic realities they have carried us to disaster, with the connivance of political puppets whom they have suborned to sedition.

The national economy is no longer self-sustaining, but survives only through expenditures - and profits - through wars and preparations for wars, constituting a national "dole" to the international monopolists amounting to over 40 billion dollars per year wrung from our bankrupt taxpayers. Were these supports to "Big Money" withdrawn, Los Angeles would become a "ghost town" in a few weeks, and the United States would become a "ghost" nation torn with internal violences.

Control over our monetary system has been abdicated by political seditionists into the hands of the private corporation of the Federal Reserve Bank which, over the past 45 years, has swindled our people of over \$1000 billion dollars, representing a load of public and private debt which constitutes total national bankruptcy of our economy. Our population is in a state of financial bondage, mortgaged forever to the forces of international financial outlawry. Millions of our workers, growing in numbers from day to day,

are unemployed, and with their families face a cold winter of destitution. Millions of our "elder citizens" exist in a chronic state of destitution, thrown on the scrap heap of a bankrupt economy. Millions of our youth are "impressed" into the armed services each year to act as "gun slingers" for "Big Money", and to provide an excuse for taxing the people to death. Millions of our young girls, with their "boy friends" drafted into the boon-doggling of the armed services, are denied the securities of a normal, peaceful married life. Millions of our children, exposed from birth to economic insecurities, degenerate into delinquencies. All of this takes place in our land bursting with abundances such as have never before been produced in the history of the world ! Blasphemy against Almighty God, the giver of a " life more abundant".

In directing the power of our economy toward international violence, we have neglected our schools, homes, hospitals, health, and all of those goodly things so abundantly available. Our liberties under the Bill of Rights of the Constitution have been undermined by international institutions hostile to them. Freedom of the press and communication between our citizens is denied by these forces which brook no criticism of their crimes of violence lest they be brought to judgement. Our resources have been plundered by these forces of greed since the founding of our government.

We have within our borders minority groups, notably the American Indians and the Negroes, which have been outcasts in our society and have either been reduced to the level of migrant workers, or confined in ghettos in our large cities. Fear and insecurity pervade our country at all levels from lowest to highest. This "Land of the Free and the home of the brave" has been plundered by renegade public servants, camp followers and scavengers of the international monopolists, to destroy the public welfare, reduce our people to bondage, and offer certain disaster and death to our nation. We live in a land where outlawry worse than anything shown on TV screens daily as happening on our frontiers, runs rampant, and we - the "sovereign people" - are helpless to defend ourselves against these outlaws.

As is also shown on these same TV screens, at last the peaceful, law-abiding settlers, sickened of the outlawry, and as the source of all law in the area, take the law back into their own hands to drive out the criminals.

What I propose, in effect, therefore, is that we, the "sovereign people" of the United States in whom all authority resides, form ourselves into a national, non-violent, political, Vigilance Committee of the whole people, to grasp this situation of peril as Moses grasped the serpent, and restore lawful government to the United States of America, and having done that, to work out means of cooperation with the peoples of the world

All of the above crimes of omission and commission against our people result from the betrayal of public servants of their public trust under their oaths of office. The Republican and Democratic Parties have been the instruments through which these officials have been placed in office by the "prime movers" in corruption, and have turned to outlawry to serve their masters. Once more a national election looms. Once more political vultures gather to select "front" men to defraud and betray the people. Once selected, the people themselves have no choice. Thus far there has been little organized opposition to the conspiracies of the outlaws. But now we propose to intervene with all of the power at our command - a power based on TRUTH and JUSTICE residing in the people themselves.

PROGRAM FOR ACTION

To consummate the foregoing objectives, I offer the following principles for a program of action upon which my own candidacy will be based, and which I hope will constitute a rallying point for desperate voters of the United States:

A. INTERNATIONAL: (1) Total disarmament and total peace, reflecting a new internal economic policy of the United States.

(2) Deposing the international forces of "Big Money" and the Jesuits now controlling our government.

(3) Expulsion from the United States of the political forces of the Jesuits and their affiliates as subversive of our Constitution, and prohibition of all financial assistance to them by citizens of the United States. The right to freedom of religion to be scrupulously enforced as required by the Constitution.

(4) A single political loyalty to be tolerated. Any individual who yields political loyalty to any political, secular, foreign state (the Vatican being such a state), to forfeit his citizenship. Thus, we emancipate Roman Catholic citizens from control by foreign political dictatorship of the Jesuits.

B. ECONOMIC: Our internal economy has broken down completely in its ability to promote the welfare of our people. No reformation of the profits system (usury) is possible. No palliatives will suffice - no "progressive capitalism" which has "progressed" to final disaster. Institutions are not important, Only

people are important. When any institution has outlived its usefulness we, the people, have a duty to junk it and establish a better one on the solid foundations of our Constitution. I propose to campaign vigorously for my own plan: "Blueprint For Economic Democracy", which is the result of over 25 years of hard work. It has met the test before thousands of audiences, and the critical analysis of outstanding economists and public leaders. I know of no better economic design, within the structure of our "American Way of Life" to meet our urgent problem. I welcome any assistance in improving upon it and in filling in the details. It establishes the following major principles, all of which require further clarification:

- (1) A new economic design based on cooperation and distribution of abundances, to replace the competitive profits system. All profits (usury) to be abolished.
- (2) For economic structure - a fourth branch of government, democratically controlled, to be added to the executive, legislative and judicial branches, with proper balancing of powers between them, thus bringing our economy under the protection of the Constitution where it has never been! (Similar to adding a fourth room to an overcrowded, chaotic home, on the same firm foundations and harmonious with the architectural plan.) Labor becomes management within this structure.
- (3) The private corporation of the Federal Reserve Bank to revert to the public domain, under the control of the people, as prescribed in our Constitution, to become the fiscal agency in the new system of distributing abundances.
- (4) Personal private property to be protected. Property producing for the "general welfare" now held in monopoly by "Big Business" to revert to the public domain under adequate safeguards.
- (5) The status of the independent farmer and small business man to be protected within our cooperative economy.
- (6) Purchasing power (wages and salaries), to be established with total incomes equal to the total costs of goods and services for each production period. A "balanced" non-circulating exchange, implemented by the reorganized Federal Reserve Banks (cooperative "Banks of America ") to be established. (At the present time the billions of dollars of profits, interest, rents, taxes, represent corresponding reductions in purchasing power far below the total costs of goods and services, requiring the remainder to be purchased through interest-bearing mortgages, thus reducing available purchasing power still further.)
- (7) Full employment of the labor force at all times, at work which the individual desires to do, has aptitude for doing, and is trained to do. Scholarship allowances to be given all students approaching adult years (similar to allowances at West Point) --- retired pay for all workers beyond working years at rates to assure total security and well being (if it is good for generals, it is good for workers and their wives - "Elder Citizens") --- workers of the active labor force to be given graduated wage scales according to ability, experience and responsibility, to commence at a minimum of not less than \$5000.00 per year, and to advance to such maximum as may be determined.
- (8) With the annual burdens removed of a phoney military defense", and taxes, and interest on public and private debt converted to the "general welfare", the full power of the economy can be directed toward the "life more abundant" - economic, intellectual, and spiritual - of all of our people. All objectives can be easily achieved under an economy of abundance with mass production and automation in full flow: Elimination of all taxes! --- free education for all of our youth, including advancement to higher institutions of learning, on a democratic basis --- new techniques for preventive medicine and health --- construction of homes, roads, schools, hospitals --- conservation of all resources --- leisure for the development of the arts --- recreation. There is no objective that we cannot achieve practically, once we have forged the instrument to accomplish our social, democratic purposes. We avoid bureaucracy by restoring power to the people at the "grass roots". We regain world economic leadership, not for exploitation, but for cooperation.
- (9) American Indians: Restitution for past injuries and restoration of their rights under broken treaties. Abolition of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with control over Indian problems restored to the Indians. A Grand Council to be called of all Indians and sympathetic White representatives at which just relationships can be worked out to meet the desires of the Indians themselves.
- (10) Negroes: (and other minority groups) All channels for economic equality to be opened to them to provide full employment, good homes, schools, health - all advantages established for the Whites to be shared equally by all others. A spirit of cooperation and good will to replace hostilities created by economic competitions. With these economic differentiations removed, racial differentiations can be resolved in a new climate of understanding.

MOBILIZATION

I call for a General Mobilization of all of the forces of honest government in this campaign of law and order, to restore our liberties, economic security and abundance, and internal and international peace.

I appeal to the unemployed, labor organizations, farmers, progressives, socialists, technocrats, monetary reformers, tax revisionists, women's organizations, elder citizens, Townsendites, veterans, members of minority groups, students, crusading individuals, and loyal, dedicated citizens from one end of the country to the other, to rise up against the injustices that have been perpetrated upon us by perjured public servants. There are millions of us - we, the "sovereign people" - the true government of the United States. By uniting on a common program we can sweep the country and "throw the rascals out" forever.

I appeal to all loyal public servants in office who have been drawn into the vortex of corruption against their wills, to free themselves, join us, and become candidates on our platform.

I appeal to all loyal newspapermen and members of public communications systems to open these channels of communication to us. With their full cooperation, the truth concerning the dangerous situation in which we find ourselves, as well as our practical program to meet the crisis, could be carried to the people, and our country saved from an appalling Reign of Terror.

I appeal especially to our loyal Roman Catholic brothers who have always been the primary victims of the bureaucratic, international, Italian politicians, to cut their political ties with the dictatorship of the Jesuits and help us to restore the liberties which the Jesuits condemn. Liberty belongs to Roman Catholics as well as to the rest of us, as hundreds of Irish patriots, Garibaldi in Italy, Simon Bolivar in South America, and countless others have demonstrated. Roman Catholic women and children suffer from hunger as well as others. We propose to follow the Christian Commandment: "Feed My Sheep!", without barriers of creed, color or race.

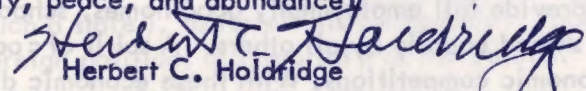
I warn all political outlaws and the "Prime Movers" who have seduced them, that a democracy must learn to defend itself against its internal criminals, and that those who have betrayed our people, who persist in their lives of crime, shall surely be punished under laws established for the purpose.

ACTION I

- (1) Join this campaign of Minute Men. Help us to recruit competent leadership dedicated to our Constitution.
- (2) Organize groups for action, reporting progress to our office.
- (3) Select local leadership to form "Republicans for Holdridge" and "Democrats for Holdridge" clubs.
- (4) Become candidates for national and local office, particularly Congressional, or recruit candidates who will campaign on our program.
- (5) Familiarize yourselves with local election laws concerning selection of delegates to national conventions, and act under such laws to select your own slate.
- (6) Distribute literature which will be available, with your help, throughout the campaign - by mail, door to door contact, placing in cars in parking lots, etc. As long as we must fight a hostile, controlled press, this will be the primary means of informing the public.
- (7) Familiarize yourselves with "Blueprint For Economic Democracy" - 50 cents each, three for \$1.00. Ask questions on points not clear. A program of information will be initiated as soon as possible to clear up any questions that arise.
- (8) Help us immediately with all possible financial assistance, without which we will be unable to get this campaign rolling. Better to spend it for survival than to hoard it for disaster. Our adversaries have unlimited amounts which they have swindled from our taxpayers, but they are so few and we are so many, and we operate by truth, not falsification - for justice, not exploitation.

I urge you to act now for your own survival, before it is too late. The consequences of failure to meet the challenge of depression and civil war are too ghastly to contemplate. This crisis of the United States is a crisis of the world. Only you - the "sovereign people" - can solve it.

Yours for liberty, peace, and abundance!


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